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Crowell Myron

Sometimes in cloud, sometimes in sun,
The varied path of life we run;
Sometimes in valleys dark with night,
Sometimes on mountains clothed with light.

The cloud, the sun, the vail, the mount
Are oft the dial by which we count
The time of life — we count more true
When reckoning by the good we do.

Rev. Chas. D. Merrill, Beloit, Wis.

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About the middle of December we reduced the size of the paper from twenty-four to eight pages, and made a special plea for at least a portion of the amount due us. The plea has been only partially successful.

We do not feel justified in issuing the paper until all our bills have been paid. With one-third of the amount due us paid in, we could meet every obligation. Not being able to collect, we have tried to dispose of a part of the stock of the OCCIDENT Publishing Company, in order to secure funds to liquidate the indebtedness of the paper. In this, too, we have been unsuccessful, though negotiations are now pending which may put us on a solid foundation; but until such an arrangement can be completed, we have decided to suspend publication. We hope it will be for only a week or two.

As soon as we resume publication we shall move forward every name on our mailing list one or two months. So there will be no loss of time during suspension, and no charge for the eight-page paper during most of the time it has been issued. With this done, we feel that no subscriber will have a right to complain. Our advertisements have been kept intact thus far in the eight-page paper. We are thankful to our advertisers for their loyalty to us. No charge, of course, will be made during the brief suspension.

The office in the Mills Building will be open as usual, and we hereby request and earnestly urge every person indebted to us to remit immediately.

Some cannot pay because of hard times, but many others can do so. We trust that all such will consider their indebtedness a sacred obligation, and one that is peculiarly pressing at this time.

Church News.

PORTLAND—OREGON.—Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., has been elected a secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. It is not known whether or not he will accept.

PLEASANTON — CALIFORNIA. — Rev. R. Logan, formerly of Santa Paula, has engaged to supply the Church at Pleasanton for one year.

SAN RAFAEL—CALIFORNIA.—The new stone church was opened for divine service last Sabbath, February 10th, with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Noble, D.D. Rev. Arthur Crosby and Professors Alexander, Landon and Day took part in the services. The furnishing of the building is not yet completed, and the dedication services will be deferred for a month or two until all things are in readiness. But the crowded condition of the old church made it necessary to use the new building as soon as it could be gotten ready for use. The church is a very handsome, substantial and commodious structure, and is, we believe, the only stone Presbyterian church in California. A description, and perhaps a cut of it, will be given in THE OCCIDENT when the dedication occurs.

OAKLAND—CALIFORNIA. — February 3rd, communion services were held at the Oakland First Presbyterian Church; 65 new members were received, 49 of whom came on profession. In the evening the pastor, Dr. Coyle, preached on Micah vi: 8, the fifth of his special series, "What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and love mercy and walk humbly with thy God." The house was crowded as usual. Much interest is manifested in all the services. The prayer meetings are largely attended,

and general activity prevails in all departments of Church work. We are praying for and expecting an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the faithful and efficient ministrations of our pastor and his assistant, Rev. Campbell Coyle.

GLENDALE, CAL.—The week of prayer was observed by the Church at Glendale, the services being conducted each evening by pastor Dodd. The meetings resulted in a most decided spiritual advancement of professing Christians, and great good was done. Mr. Dodd is ministering with great acceptance to this Church.

THIRD, LOS ANGELES.—Twelve new members were received on Sunday, February 3d, making an addition of forty during the past two months. In the evening of the same day the Christian Endeavor celebrated the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of the Endeavor movement by a rally and praise service. Mr. Ball, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Los Angeles, gave the address of the evening on "Visions." Offerings were taken morning and evening for Home Missions and were the largest in the history of the Church.

IONE, CAL.—Rev. George H. Bigelow, of San Francisco, has been engaged as supply for the Presbyterian Church here. He is a young man who has devoted many years to the study and practice of his profession and comes very highly recommended as a successful pastor. We hope that his work here will tend to the upbuilding of the Church he serves and that he may see his way clearly to stay among us.

Rev. R. Rogers, who has been supplying the Church for some time, left us on Monday. He made many friends among our people and all were sorry to see him leave. He was not only an able pastor, and fluent speaker, but a gentleman whom to know was to esteem and admire. We hope that his future lines will be cast in pleasant places, and that abundant success will crown his efforts. He left us to join his family in the southern part of the State, where his wife hopes to regain her health.

WEST BERKELEY.—The Rev. R. F. Coyle, D.D., of the First Church, Oakland, preached for us yesterday. It did our hearts good to see the church so full of earnest listeners. The effect of his forceful and eloquent sermon upon the audience was visible. Tears were in many eyes as he concluded with an appeal, which will long linger in our hearts and memories. Mr. O. E. Campbell was ordained an elder at the same service. We trust we have entered upon a new era in the history of West Berkeley Presbyterian Church. We are sure that the series of meetings conducted by the Rev. J. S. McDonald of San Rafael have resulted in much blessing, not only to the Church, but to the entire community. To our knowledge no such services so large and interesting have ever been held in this place before.

CALVARY, PORTLAND, ORE.—On Friday evening, 1st inst, the Boy's Brigade gave an entertainment which was well attended. The boys carried through the entire program and it was very creditable to them indeed. The proceeds amounted to over $24, which is to go to a fund for uniforms. Captain Kimball (U. S. A., retired) is Captain of the company and takes a deep interest in the boys.

MEDFORD, OR.—The pastor of this Church, Rev. A. S. Foster, has just closed a very interesting and helpful series of meetings, in which he has enjoyed the valuable assistance of Rev. F. H. Gwynne, D.D. Some sixty-five signed cards expressing a desire to be Christians. Five have united with the Church, and others are expected to become members.

FRESNO, CAL.—Six received by letter February 3, and 3 by examination.

EL CAJON AND LAKESIDE, CAL.—Rev. Geo. C. Butterfield is preaching in these churches very acceptably.

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